

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1981–1987, and S. Res. 347. **Pages S8547–48**

Measures Passed:

Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act: Senate passed H.R. 2845, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline. **Page S8552**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1461, to limit appointments to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom to 2 2-year terms, to authorize employees of the Commission who have filed a discrimination complaint under section 717 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to complete such proceedings, and to clarify that travel by members of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom is subject to the Federal Travel Regulation and the Department of State Standardized Regulations. **Pages S8552–53**

Measures Considered:

Balanced Budget Joint Resolutions—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 10, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and S.J. Res. 24, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. **Pages S8507–40**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolu-

tions at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, under the previous order.

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Rule XIV H.R. 3630—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the lack of receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives with respect to H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, it be in order for the bill to be considered read for the first time and placed on the Legislative Calendar under the Heading “Bills and Joint Resolutions Read the First Time.” **Page S8553**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8553.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MF HOLDINGS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine MF Global bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; former Senator Jon S. Corzine,